

## **Tree Board Minutes , April 21, 2022**

Present: Laurel, Lisa, Sara, Maureen

Absent: Tom, Dan Busch, Public Works, Melissa

Approve minutes: none to approve today. Will review at next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Update: PCEC tree planting: We have not been involved. They are working with outside nursery and have noted the locations where they will be planting trees around the city.

Update: RFP for tree inventory. Has been put out for bid for trees on the south side of Park Street. No further information.

Update: Arbor Day Celebration. Farm to School is handling the planting. Needed approval by the City Commission, not clear if that has happened yet. Sara will follow up with Farm to School, and the city. Need to be sure newspaper updated, and school parents, etc.

Update City Budget Meeting: no notice yet about dates. We had considered bringing up the Park Street planting project to that meeting. Will keep everyone updated on further info.

### **New business:**

New member: Elizabeth McNamee, motion to approve Lisa, second . All in favor, 4. No nay. Term ends 12/31/2024.

### **Board comments:**

Lisa put in her resignation, starting after this meeting. Has done tremendous work, and the work that remains in her opinion is to get a tree district for the City.

Sara asked if she is able to have one on one conversations in the community about tree related issues or upcoming events. The Boards interpretation suggests that as long as there is no confidential information from the city being passed out into the community, and that no decisions or promises are made, the role of a board member is to gather and provide info on our topics to the general community as a part of their public service.

Sara and Laurel suggest that our recommended tree list is out of date, given climate changes, etc. We will put on agenda for next meeting to update with more native species, low water, disease resistant and generally lower maintenance with proven success record in our area. .

### **Agenda items for next meeting:**

#### **Report on Arbor Day Celebration**

#### **Update on RFP for Tree Inventory**

**Discussion/decision** on new tree and other landscape planting recommendations that incorporate climate changes, drought conditions for the city website. Request the city put it up in a more easily

found location on the website. Will address the microclimates within the city, including some of the new developments compared to the historic district.

**Discussion/decision on Tree Board proposal for the City budgeting process.**

**Advertise for new tree board members.**